There have been no exports of sponge iron from India-either in 2001-02 or in 2002-03 from these units.

(c) Gross domestic production of sponge iron in 2003-04 has been projected at 7.5 million tonnes. No target for export of sponge iron has been fixed set for 2003-04.

Evaluation of central sector scheme of NRC

1476. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Planning Commission has conducted evaluation studies on the Central Sector Scheme of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC); if so, the details of such evaluation studies, findings thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether any such study has made detailed impact assessment of the NRC; and

(c) whether Government propose to retain the scheme and extend the coverage of more districts under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) An evaluation of the scheme of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) was entrusted to 5 (five) independent agencies on the advice of the Planning Commission. Reports of the evaluation studies have since been received and are under examination. Further continuance of the scheme will be decided in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

Sports centres in M.P.

†1477. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up sports centres in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh to promote sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allotment of budget; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.